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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Germany's Treaties

WHETHER the West German Government will eventually ratify the "Contractual Agreement" between Federal Germany and the Western Powers and the Paris Treaty setting up the European Defence Community has now become a matter of some doubt. Dr Adenauer, the Federal Chancellor, is confronted with the problem of avoiding a constitutional crisis and at the same time securing approval of the Bonn Government to the proposal that a simple majority suffice to obtain ratification. Dr Adenauer has already suffered one rebuff: his proposal to the Diet that three days should be set aside for the second and third readings of the ratifying Bills was recently rejected. True, the adverse majority was small and could be accounted for arithmetically by the fact that ten members of the Free Democratic Party voted with the Opposition. The explanation given by the backsliders was that they were not against ratifying the treaties, but that purely on the timetable they considered the date proposed to be too early. This kind of excuse makes comment difficult. For it cannot be queried with impunity the veracity of those who put it forward. It cannot be accepted without taking a low view of their political common-sense. Nobody but a child, it might be thought, would on minor grounds imperil the ratification of the agreements, if on major ones he really wanted them to be ratified. But it has to be allowed for that in democratic politics many Germans are still children. The Free Democratic Party has more than once displayed a tendency to be "facing-both-ways," and in that is only too representative of large sections of the German people in the middle and governing classes.

It was the same two-facedness—the drift of millions to profess democracy and peace at one moment and to work for autocracy and war at the next—which caused the downfall of the Weimar Republic. Obviously there is danger that the Federal Republic might succumb to similar influences. It is to counter them that Dr Adenauer would have his democracy nail its colours to the mast by ratifying forthwith the two pacts which would integrate the country's policy with that of Western Europe. Such an action, taken boldly and without waiting to see whether or not the French Assembly ratified, would have a clarifying and stabilising effect both within Germany and outside. The Germans would know where they were going, and they would establish by action, what they can never now establish merely by words, a claim to the confidence of the other democracies. Of the four Powers who have signed the Contractual Agreement, both Great Britain and the United States ratified in the summer. It was reasonable that Germany and France should defer until the autumn, because neither Government had a strong or very stable majority, and time has been needed to educate public opinion. Now that autumn has passed into winter, further delays can hardly be defended.

40,000 Mourners Shout Down Moroccan Anthem

PREVENT READING OF SULTAN'S ADDRESS

Casablanca, Dec. 10. A crowd of 40,000 Frenchmen cried "shame" on the Moroccan national anthem and prevented a public reading of an address in which the Sultan disavowed the Nationalist riots today.

A huge crowd gathered outside the Sacre Coeur Cathedral to pay tribute at a 50-minute ceremony for eight Europeans cut to pieces and burned in the two-day riots which cost 58 lives and injured at least 200 persons.

The mourners were silent as the Marseillaise was played, but shouted when the military band started playing the Moroccan national anthem and yelled: "Shame on it."

As a result, officials hurriedly cancelled a reading of the Sultan's speech by an official of the sovereign's court.

The Sultan's statement, previously issued to the press, said he was deeply affected by the events which had plunged the city of Casablanca into bloodshed.

"We disavow any act of violence. We pay tribute to both French and Moroccan victims," it read. "We pray that God extend to us a reign of calm and peace so that friendly, peaceful co-operation may exist between French and Moroccans."

At the principal event, the Cathedral ceremony, the Resident General, General Augustin Guillaume, paid tribute to the Frenchmen and a 40-year-old Spaniard, whose bodies were identified after the mob slayings. The other European victims were stabbed and burned until they could not be recognized.

"There are no words to describe the acts of these assassins and it is the duty of justice to find those murderers guilty of the crimes," said General Guillaume. "It will be calm but firm. Irresponsible violence has been opposed and will continue to be opposed each time circumstances call for the use of force."

Those responsible, those whose cause had need of bloodshed, have been helped by great encouragement from outside by our enemies and also sometimes, alas, by our friends."

The crowd broke into ironic applause at what was taken to be a slap at the United States' attitude toward France's differences in Morocco. — United Press.

LEADERS ARRESTED

Casablanca, Dec. 10. French arrests in Morocco were today reported to have reached over 1,000 as French tanks and troops remained on the alert for further disturbances.

Included in the latest French round-up were all the leaders of the Moroccan Nationalist Party, including now in Morocco and several other rank-and-file members of the party.

Also known to be under detention are six trade union officials and some 70 Moroccan arrested yesterday after an illegal meeting in the Beni Mellal area.

Casablanca, shattered and silent today, was thronged and surrounded by an estimated 10,000 troops, including an entire regiment of the French Foreign Legion fresh from the Algerian border.

No further incidents have been reported in the territory since last night, when two Moroccan and a Moroccan policeman were killed during a disturbance at Beni Mellal.

The Sultan of Morocco returned from Casablanca to his palace in Rabat and issued a statement deploring the acts of violence, which have cost over 50 lives in Casablanca.

CURFEW REIMPOSED

Meanwhile, the French authorities in Sousse, Tunisia, tonight reimposed a curfew there following sabotage attempts on the Tunis-Sousse railway line. The curfew will last from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Last night a bomb blew up part of the railway line, interrupting traffic for 12 hours.

French Post Office officials in Paris reported tonight that all telephone communications with Morocco were cut indefinitely. No explanations were given.

In Tunis, the Bey who has been kept in bed by a bad cold, received the Resident General, Count Jean de Hautecloque, for 25 minutes to discuss the events arising out of the murder of the Tunisian labour leader, Ferhat Hached, on Friday.

Informed political sources said in Paris that the French Cabinet today discussed the possibility of deposing the Bey of Tunis for his "unco-operative attitude" towards France. But no decision was taken as most Ministers considered such a measure would be inappropriate at the present time.

REPORT DENIED

French press reports that M. de Hautecloque had asked the Bey to remove his eldest son, Prince Chedly, from Tunisia, were officially denied by the Residency.

Prince Chedly is regarded as the most outspoken Nationalist in the Bey's family.

He sent a note to the Residency today denying that he had ever told foreign journalists that Frenchmen were responsible for Hached's murder.

Two new incidents occurred in Tunisia last night—the first curfew-free night since Hached's body was discovered.

A Tunisian passenger was killed and several others wounded when the Tunis-Sousse train was machine-gunned between Kalar Kebira and Kalar Salte.

In Tunis itself, a bomb exploded in front of a closed cafe in the city centre, causing damage, but no casualties.

Return Plane Or Pay \$100,000 Demand By United States To Russia

Washington, Dec. 10. The United States today formally demanded that Russia return an Air Force plane forced down in Hungary a year ago or pay the United States Government \$100,000.

In stiff notes delivered to Moscow and Communist Hungary, the United States also demanded the "prompt return" of the plane's cargo and documents carried by the four airmen seized with it.

The twin notes, made public by the State Department, represented the United States' first formal indictment of an incident which strained Anglo-American relations to a breaking point in the autumn of 1951.

The United States had to pay \$122,000 to ransom the four flyers, who had been given a "drumhead" trial and "executed."

Besides demanding the return of the plane and cargo, the notes challenged Russia's right to force down a plane and seize the crew. — United Press.

Army Cooks Prepare For Xmas



Army cooks throughout the Colony are now busily preparing Christmas fare. This picture taken this morning at the Gun Club Hill cookhouse, shows Lt. Col. E. S. Turner, RA, stirring a Christmas pudding, watched by RSM N. E. Winslow on his right, and Cpl. Royce, Pte Cameron and Pte Higgins on his left. — Staff Photographer.

Mau Mau's "We Will Kill You All" Threat



TESTIMONY AT TRIAL

Kapenguria, Dec. 10. A district officer told the court trying six African leaders on Mau Mau charges here today that one of them declared when he was arrested: "All you — Europeans — will very soon be killed by the Mau Mau."

The arrest was made a fortnight before the emergency was declared in Kenya.

The African ex-sergeant-major of the King's African Rifles, Paul Ngai, had said: "To hell with the British Empire. Mau Mau is going to drive you out of the country the same way as you have been driven out of India and the Gold Coast."

The District Officer, Mr. Geoffrey Pedraza, told the magistrate's court that he arrested Ngai at his home in Kapenguria after the African leader had escaped from custody. Ngai made the alleged threat to Europeans while being taken in handcuffs to the local gaol.

Mr. Pedraza told the Court he had arrested Ngai on October 7 in a shop in Kapenguria but that he had escaped from custody. Later that night he had been awakened by police and had driven to Ngai's house. Two policemen, he said, entered the house and came out followed by Ngai, who protested that it was scandalous that his house was searched.

POSITION EXPLAINED

Mr. Pedraza said he told Ngai he had already explained to him that as a magistrate in law he did not need either search or arrest warrants, and that Ngai had already escaped from custody.

He went on to say that Ngai began to hit and kick out and became abusive.

At this point Mr. D. M. Pritt, defending counsel, objected that nothing had been given which could conceivably connect Ngai with assisting in the management or being a member of the Mau Mau.

After a long argument between counsel, Mr. Pritt allowed Mr. Pedraza to continue his evidence.

Witness said that on his way back to gaol Ngai uttered threats that the Mau Mau would kill Europeans and that he was connected with the organisation.

The court was cleared of press and public just before the lunch adjournment, while the prosecutor applied for permission to take the evidence of his next witness in camera.

Witness, who gave his name as Henry Ndoka Muli, was the (Contd. on back page, col. 2)

Capt Threatens To Scuttle His Ship

Jerusalem, Dec. 10. Israeli officials tonight reported a spate of telegrams from a sea captain threatening to sink his ship in the Atlantic unless his father is made Communications Minister of Israel.

They said 24-year-old Captain Eden Graetz, Master of the 5,686-ton Abraham Graetz, who had apparently threatened his crew with a revolver, must have had a nervous breakdown.

The ship's owners, the Ditzeng-off Line, flashed orders for the First Officer to take charge of the freighter, which was at sea aimlessly between New York and Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The radio operator replied: "Unable to do anything. Captain stands near me brandishing a pistol."

First sign of trouble aboard the vessel with its crew of 30 came on Saturday in a cable to Prime Minister David Ben Gurion. It threatened that the ship would be scuttled unless Capt. Graetz's father, Mr. Heinz Graetz, was named Communications Minister.

This was followed by similar messages to the Communications Ministry and the Tel-Aviv paper, Maariv, which disclosed the story tonight.

Capt. Graetz's father has flown to Canada to be on call if needed. — Reuters.

Broad Hint To MacArthur

Truman's Comment On Korea Plan

Aboard Truman Special, Dec. 10. President Truman today called upon General Douglas MacArthur to advise him "at once" of any "reasonable" plan the general had for ending the Korean war.

The President, in a prepared statement read to reporters aboard his special train, did not mention General MacArthur by name. But his acting Press Secretary, Mr. Roger Tubby, said there was "no question" that he was referring to the general.

The President was en route back to Washington with his family after attending funeral services for Mrs. Truman's mother, Mrs. David Wallace, at his home in Independence, Missouri.

The statement was read to reporters by Mr. Tubby. It said: "I think if anyone has a reasonable plan for ending the Korean fighting in an honourable way, in a way that will not lead directly into a great war, that plan should be presented at once to the President."

"If we can cut this fighting in Korea short by one day, we should do so."

NO STATEMENT

At General MacArthur's office in New York, his military aide, Lt. Col. S. Huff, said there was no statement at present on Mr. Truman's request.

In his recent speech, General MacArthur did not specifically offer his plan to anyone, but it was understood he hoped the President-elect, Mr. Dwight Eisenhower, would respond.

General MacArthur mentioned the fact that he had not been consulted about Far East problems by anyone in either major political party in recent months. He referred to this in a radiogram to Mr. Eisenhower, which said: "This is the first time that the slightest official interest in my counsel has been evidenced since my return (from the Far East)." — United Press.

Armoured Shorts For US Troops

Washington, Dec. 10. The Army is ordering armoured shorts for its troops in Korea. They already have an armoured vest.

An announcement said today that the shorts are like a boxer's trunks and weigh less than two kilos. The vest weighs about four kilos.

Designed to protect the hips, the abdomen and groin, the garment is made of 12 layers of flexible, laminated, nylon duck encased in a water resistant plastic layer with an outer covering of nylon fabric.

It will deflect about 65 per cent of all types of missiles and reduce cuts and upper abdominal wounds by about 60 per cent.

One thousand pairs of the shorts will be ready for delivery to Korea in February. — Reuters.

Two Tankers In Collision

Gravelines, France, Dec. 10. A British and a French tanker ran aground today waiting for the fog to lift to determine the extent of damage suffered when they collided last night.

The 8,443-ton British Tradition, Acle pulled away without aid from the 8,340-ton French Mekong after the two ran into each other in the English Channel, shrouded by fog. No crew members were injured. — United Press.

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Cyclone Havoc In India

Madras, Dec. 10. Damage estimated at 50,000,000 rupees was caused by the cyclone which hit Tanjore district, Madras province, on November 30, it is officially announced.

Altogether 349 people were killed, about 200,000 houses destroyed or damaged and 30,000 cattle killed. The Madras Chief Minister, C. Rajagopalachari, said that reports have still to come in from Trichinopoly district. — Associated Press.

Gigantic Step In Medicine

TRIBUTE TO U.S. SCIENTIST

Stockholm, Dec. 10. Professor A. Wallgren of Karolinska Medical Institute, Stockholm, today described the streptomycin drug in the treatment of tuberculosis as a gigantic step forward in the history of medicine.

He was congratulating Russian-born Professor Selman A. Waksman of the United States, who discovered streptomycin in 1944 and was awarded this year's Nobel prize for medicine.

King Gustaf Adolf today presented the 1952 Nobel awards in medicine, chemistry, physics and literature.

Professor Waksman is microbiologist at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Professor Arne Tiellus of Stockholm's Royal Academy of Science said important discoveries had been made by the chemical analysis of Dr. Archer John Porter Martin, 42, of London, and Dr. Richard Laurence Millington-Synges, 38, of Bucksburn, Aberdeenshire.

They share the Nobel chemistry prize of 1,734 Swedish crowns (£1,408) for their success in filterpaper chromatography—a form of analysis.

CATHOLIC NOVELIST

Professor Erik Hulthen of the Royal Academy of Science praised the discoveries in nuclear physics made by two American scientists, Professor Edward Teller of Harvard and Professor Felix Bloch of Stanford University, California, who share the physics prize.

Professor Purcell's work on the ionosphere is recognised as of the first importance for radio communications, while Professor Bloch is the inventor of a new technique for determining the properties of atomic nuclei.

Dr. Andres Osterling, president of the Swedish Academy of Literature, paid tribute to the work of M. Francois Mauriac, the 73-year-old French novelist awarded the literature prize.

M. Mauriac has been for many years regarded as France's leading Roman Catholic novelist. — Reuter.

British Aid For Malta

London, Dec. 10. The Colonial Office revealed today that up to March, 1951, Malta had received £4,040,000 for reconstruction from Britain.

This is £1,925,000 more than the amounts previously announced and still leaves £15,360,000 to be provided out of the £20,000,000 provided by Britain under the Malta Reconstruction Act of 1947.

A total of £2,337,844 was sent during 1950 and 1951 in making good war damage and carrying out other incidental work, the Colonial Office said.

Malta received the George Cross, highest non-military award for heroism for the courage of her people under air attack. — Reuter.

MANILA TRAGEDY

Manila, Dec. 10. "Save my soul because I am too lazy to eat to make a living," wrote Mrs. Leonila Andrada de Dobl, 28-year-old housewife.

She then sent out her two children to play, secured all the doors and windows of her house, swallowed a vial of poison and hanged herself. — Associated Press.

United Nations, Dec. 10.

The United Nations Political Committee today rejected a proposal by Pakistan that a representative of the Bey of Tunis be invited to its debate on French rule in Tunisia.

The vote was 26 against, 24 in favour, with seven abstentions, two absent and Greece not participating.

Another provision in the Pakistan proposal, that an appeal be made to France to end her boycott of the Committee's debates on North Africa, was approved by 19 votes to 16, with 22 abstentions.

The resolution as a whole, which by this time included only the appeal to France—then went to the Committee and was defeated by 21 to 2 (Chile and Guatemala) with 34 abstentions.

The difference between these voting figures on the whole resolution and the earlier vote on France's boycott, was due to procedural confusion in the Committee.

Many delegations who had approved the appeal to France were obviously uncertain how to vote on the resolution as a whole, seeing that the invitation to the Bey had been defeated. Some eventually opposed it and others abstained.

Britain, Australia and South Africa were among the nations which voted against both sections of the resolution and the resolution as a whole.

Pakistan first gave notice of her proposal to invite a representative of the Bey of Tunis at a meeting of the Committee last night. But the introduction of an appeal to France in the resolution placed before the Committee today had not been previously announced.

IMMEDIATE SPLIT

There was an immediate split in the Committee, Belgium said such an appeal to France would be useless and opposed inviting the Bey's representative.

Egypt and Iraq, on the other hand, said it was necessary to invite a representative of the Tunisian people to obtain first-hand information of the position there.

The Soviet Union supported an invitation, saying it would enable the Committee to obtain valuable information on the state of affairs in Tunisia.

Mr. R. H. Corton, South African, opposed an invitation. He instanced the action of the Committee in 1948, in rejecting a proposal that General Markos, leader of the Greek guerrillas, should be invited to its deliberations.

Mr. Corton said the Committee was competent to discuss the Tunisian question at all. France conducted Tunisia's foreign affairs and if a representative came before the Committee he would be, legally, only a private individual. It was an invitation, he said, to an invitation would be created "for the arrival here of almost anybody who wants to spread propaganda."

NOT A COURT

Mr. Philip Jessup, United States, also opposed an invitation. The Committee should not be concerned with collecting a lot of information about Tunisia, "because we are not a court trying to pass judgment on evidence." The Committee must create an atmosphere of conciliation in which negotiations between France and Tunisia could proceed.

Dr. Farid Zeineddine, Syria, supporting the Pakistan resolution, said there had been occasions in the past in which the United Nations had invited interested parties to debates. The issue was one of securing more information and not of deciding the international status of the Bey. Mr. Zeineddine said President Roosevelt had recognised the Bey's status by requesting his permission for American troops to pass through Tunisia.

Mr. Hussain of Pakistan said France should come to the debates and assist us.

"We are discussing Tunisia with neither France nor the Bey here," he said. "Our aim is to come to a correct decision. We want both these parties to come to our assistance."

BETTER INSIGHT

In the past, the United Nations had invited to debates the representatives of a number of countries which were not members, such as Eritrea, Libya and Palestine.

Mr. Fudall Jamali, Iraq, said that if the Committee heard a representative of the Bey, or the Bey himself, it that were possible, it would obtain a better insight into the question.

This would enable it to decide whether negotiations could be resumed between France and Tunisia with or without a United Nations Commission of Good Offices. — Reuter.

New Engine For Hunter

London, Dec. 11. Britain's Hawker Hunter sound-breaker, already generally acknowledged to be the world's fastest interceptor fighter plane, has now been equipped with an even more powerful engine.

The new engine, the Armstrong-Siddeley Sapphire jet, has a tested thrust of 8,300 pounds, higher than that of any other known gas turbine in the world.

Hunters, previously fitted with Rolls-Royce Avon Engines, were taken off the secret list in September but their speed has remained a close secret.

Newspapers have estimated it at higher than the present established record of 670.8 miles an hour held by the North American F-86 Sabre jet.

The new Hunter made its maiden flight a few days ago with Britain's best known test pilot, Neville Duke, at the controls.

When he landed after a 25-minute flight Duke reported that the plane had behaved perfectly. — Reuter.

Charlie Chaplin To Make New Film

Geneva, Dec. 10. Mr. Charlie Chaplin said today that he intends to begin a new film in about six months. It will have a European background.

Mr. Chaplin's two elder children will go to school in Switzerland while he is in Europe. — Reuter.

Field-Marshal Slim

London, Dec. 10. Field-Marshal Slim, Governor General-designate of Australia, and Lady Slim will leave for Australia after having attended the wedding of their daughter in London in January. They will sail in the Himalaya on February 24. — Reuter.

Red Group Uncovered

Ankara, Dec. 10. The Turkish Press today disclosed the discovery by the police of a clandestine Communist organisation.

The organisation is reported to have ramifications in Istanbul and to be in contact with the "Committee of Young Turks," the headquarters of which is in London and which is in contact with Moscow.

The organisation's leaders were understood to include Turkish intellectuals. — France Press.

Iraq Oil Shipment

Damascus, Dec. 10. The Iraq Petroleum Company announced that crude oil shipped from Syrian ports during last month totalled 685,393 tons. Oil shipments from the Lebanon port of Tripoli during the same period were 675,313 tons. — Reuter.

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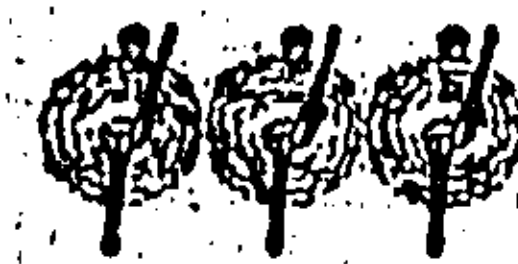
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The World of Rosa Lewis

ONE WOMAN'S CURIOUS FAME WRITES 'FINIS' TO A VANISHED AGE

By Jack Miller

THE fame of Rosa Lewis, whose death was announced a few days ago, was a compact thing. Nine people in ten may never have heard the name, to the tenth—and that would be a man—Rosa was a reality and a legend. And an age.

Her age was the Edwardian. Or shall we be kinder and say her heyday was the Edwardian. Her age spanned the reigns, coming in with hansom cabs and refusing to go out with doodle-bugs and rockets.

For Rosa was two things: the spirit of society on a night out—and she was a silvery soul sitting defiant in an armchair, sipping champagne, while the bombs dropped around and the plaster fell on her.

Rosa was a legend—I said that; they said so many things about her, over so many years, that it is difficult to separate the corn from the truth.

That hotel of hers, for a start. The Cavendish, in Jermyn Street, London. The gossip of the day said that Edward VII gave it to her, and Lord Ribblesdale furnished it.

But nobody ever proved those things, or tried to.

But we do know that Edward VII used to go there. Everybody did.

Everybody who was anybody; which means the bloods who were blades in the dim and distant, and are now staid old entries in the pages of Debrett or the Almanach de Gotha or the New York Social Register. Or, more likely, just a reference in Who Was Who.

They talked a lot about the Saturday-to-Monday parties which—Rosa and her girls ran for wealthy guests, but nobody wrote much about them.

The kind of thing they said was not the kind of thing you write. Let us admit that Rosa knew how to throw a gay party, and leave it at that. She knew how to cook and to cater too. Plenty has been written about that.

To Work At 12

AND when you work it out—if we accept half of what has been written and nothing of what has been said about Rosa Lewis—she leaves not a bad legacy to fame, considering that she

started life as a clock-maker's daughter, and went to work when she was 12. As a shilling-a-week kitchen-maid at the Comte de Paris's, at Sandhurst.

There was a time when Rosa ran a guest house in Chelsea—your know, the place Queen Victoria insisted on calling Pimlico.

Around 1911 she used to go down to Lord Astor's Hever Castle to see to the cooking for parties. She arrived by car with a coronet on the door. Lord Ribblesdale's.

By 1925 she had met so many kings and catered for so many cards that a book was

written about her. They called it "The Queen of Cooks—and Some Kings."

Top of the Kings, of course, was Edward VII, and it is recalled—in case you are culinary minded—that he liked plain food, boiled bacon, and "flat beans"; that he liked a plain boiled pear with no colouring, and the only flavouring he liked with his fruit was kirsch.

The Kaiser came into the book, too. The last Kaiser, the one with the withered arm, and it is recorded that he was "very generous" to Rosa, and that on account of his arm he ate with four specially made forks, and couldn't tackle fresh herrings.



ROSA, THE DEFIANT, THE GENEROUS
"For me, champagne. For my guests, champagne."



Souvenirs, a visitors' book, a picture of the original Kippie.

There was a lot more like that in the book, and many names: Baron Hirsch, who left King Edward £50,000 in his will, and this bit about Winston Churchill:—

"I was cooking (for Lady Randolph Churchill, her second employer) and her son came into the kitchen and said: 'Is the King coming?' I thought he was the hairdresser, so I called him 'Copper top' and told him to clear out."

But the story was written not by Rosa, but by an American woman, journalist called Lawton, and Rosa denied the whole lot and said the book was a travesty.

Actually Rosa wrote her own story round the walls of the front room at the Cavendish; there hung 800 pictures of the famous: Edward VII and the Kaiser and the Duke of Windsor, Sir William Eden—father of Anthony—Randolph Churchill, Lord Portlinton, Lord Lovat, Isadora Duncan and Ellen Terry, Geoffrey Keyes the V.C., Prince Obolensky, Augustus John, and Lord Londale, along with dukes, marquises, viscounts, barons, baronets, and knights, Tallulah Bankhead and Michael Redgrave and a few more.

Two Bomb Hits

SHE lined the wall too with a "wall newspaper," made up of clippings about her famous friends. And about the war.

The war came home to her, with two hits on the Cavendish. But it never closed, and she never moved... and, of course, the picture of the Kaiser had long since been removed. Some subalterns dumped it down the passage, and a bomb that landed on a Piccadilly church in 1941 destroyed many of the others.

It used to be said that whenever a young man of family came to London his father would tell him—as his father has told him in his time—"Go and see Rosa Lewis."

She saw everybody who came in—her sitting-room door was never closed. She used to say nobody could use her hotel unless they were "introduced," and once she admonished a noisy young man: "You treat my house as if it was an hotel."

Once In Trouble

SHE was only once in trouble. In 1939 she was fined £40 for selling drinks after time. By then Rosa had been running the Cavendish 38 years, during which her solicitor said, "the house had a wonderful reputation and there had never been the slightest complaint."

But in 1925 a woman's diary was read in the Divorce Court. This



THE CAVENDISH
Through these doors...

woman said she had spent the night before her wedding at the Cavendish, and the diary said:

"Left Bam early morning. Horrible. Doped up with brandy. Married 12.35."

The man she married was not Bam, the man she left in the early morning.

In 1927 this woman said she was to be married again to another man, a 54-year-old bachelor who lived at the Cavendish.

The story of Rosa's own wedding, if you care to accept it, is quite something. She was Rosa Ovenden, of a nine-child family transplanted to Leyton in Essex; not yet 20, beautiful as morning in Killarney, and quick on the brain. Bride and groom quailed on the way out of church.

That book, the American one that Rosa refuted, quotes her:—

"I don't know why I married, but I just did."

"I was not in love with Lewis—everybody else was in love with him."

"My family said if I did not marry they would shoot me; so naturally I married, and after that? Then I threw the ring at him at the church door and left him flat."

Rosa drank nothing but champagne, expected her "guests" to drink nothing but champagne, and if they drank it "but could not afford it" somehow it appeared on the bill of somebody who could.

She spent £50,000 on her hotel and she gave thousands away.

For 50 years she had that hotel, and for 50 years she had a companion, Miss Edith Jeffrey. For years and years she had a dog called Kippie, a West Highland white terrier.

Kippie was in the trenches once, with some of Rosa's departed guests; Kippie died and Kippie was reborn, but always there was a white terrier called Kippie at the Cavendish, till in the end nobody knows how many Kippies there have been.

During the two wars, the Cavendish, by nature a genteel "family" hotel, became again a meeting place for young men—briefly—about-town.

You could walk in any morning and see letters for half a dozen or more titled men lying on the hall table. You probably still can.

And you can still hear stories of Rosa's legendary generosity.

Nobody can count the number of young men who lingered on at the Cavendish expecting their unpaid bills to be waved in their faces—and the bills were never produced.

Always there was a drink for a friend, and a little pungent wit, and a little rosy language almost to the end.

Not Many Guests

HER friends might like to know that Rosa did not suffer much.

She did not drink champagne on her last day—pity! That would have been so much in character. She was just drowsy. And the paint on the ground-floor sash where she lived so long was still wet. Some-how one feels Rosa must have resented dying upstairs. Even at 85.

And the hotel was quiet. Not many guests. In the 100 rooms; a sort of between-season with the Christmas shoppers yet to arrive, and the top floor still suffering from the war.

Her nephew, Mr. Frederick Hills, says the hotel will go on just the same, still the Cavendish. But will it?—Without Rosa?

SPIVSKI

Zoot-suit

Ivan gets

an official

carpeting



His only interests: "Jazz and Linda." (The drawing is Russian.)

Jacket. His stare is vacant. His only interest is jazz music and his cult for the divine Linda.

In a further article Komolomskaya Pravda tells how a schoolgirl called Nina fell in love with Roman Babakov, a student of the Moscow University School of Law.

Rom is bad, very bad, says the paper. He swindled Nina out of her money to buy himself a motor-cycle. But, what is much worse, he took her to a students' party where everybody talked about "the gay life, and jazz music."

Students who are interested in such things neglect their studies, and are always at the bottom of their class. To ram the point home, another article in the Komolomskaya Pravda tells how two students of Anaboli Danilov and Ivanran the Moscow Financial Institute, Abdullayev.

EXCITED

Danilov "with one leg placed high upon the other, chomping a piece of American gum." The prospect of getting hold of a foreign-made shirt makes him tremendously excited.

Abdullayev lives only for restaurants and a good time. The campaign "rules" an interesting point: How did the zoot suit and the "Linda" cult get not only to Moscow but even as far as remote Rostov?

Perhaps by way of Soviet soldiers stationed in Berlin and Vienna, maybe through Soviet or foreign diplomats or sailors.

But it shows that the Iron Curtain is not as tightly closed as it seems. It may be that along with the despised zoot suit, the "jazz music" and the cult for movie stars, young Russians sometimes manage to get a glimpse of an unknown thing called freedom.

RALPH HEWINS

HE MADE MOTOR MILLIONS IN THE MODEL T WAY

By NANCY SPAIN

I don't like to read books, they mess up my mind.

THIS was the opinion of Henry Ford, the boss mechanic, designer, and mass manufacturer of the good old Model T, the Model A Ford, and the Ford V8—the Henry Ford who thought history was bunk.

His own historical significance is brilliantly discussed in *THE WILD WHEEL* (Crest Press, 15s.), by Garret Garrett.

Ford also thought "too many figures make your head swell up like a drum." All his life he waged a violent, personal war against statisticians.

Apparently he discovered a nest of them, collected in a corner of River Rouge, his famous motor works. He sent for Sorenson, the production manager, and said: "Did I hear you needed space?"

Sorenson agreed. "In that corner on the second floor," said Ford, "there is a big room with a lot of people making figures. You can have that space if you go and take it."

So Sorenson and two men with blunt instruments burst in upon the twittering, platitudinous and wrecked, their department, smashing computing machines, typewriters, tabulating type-

lunk heap. The statisticians went nervously home. Ford said that statistics were dead before they were written down. "By the time anyone has collected a large quantity of facts about anything," he said, "their value has changed and they are only a record of the past. Useless, even dangerous, as guides to the future."

The only facts Ford cared about were those he discovered as he moved forward. And that is why he thought history was bunk.

A few other things that Ford thought were—

A business that makes too much profit disappears almost as quickly as one that operates at a loss.

Machines are to a mechanic what books are to a writer. Everybody wants to be some place he ain't... as soon as he gets there he wants to go right back.

And it was on this revolutionary creed, with a capital of only 28,000 dollars, that Ford built a motor business that changed the American way of life.

He wanted all Americans to have cars because he wanted his own employees to have them. And that is why he doubled pay packets and set his target at producing a Ford every ten seconds.

He did it, too, and this was his achievement in 1914.

He achieved this incredible target in two ways. First, he

produced only the dear old Model T, which could be mended by anyone with a spare part and a book of the words. And second, he invented the conveyor belt and to banished for ever from his factories the cosy sight of a car standing still, surrounded by mechanics running like beavers, swifling time with every step they took.

It was Sorenson, the mighty wrecker of statisticians, who pulled the rope that moved the first conveyor belt. And it was Sorenson who, years later in World War II, "consulting" for a firm of aircraft manufacturers, remembered Ford's first principle.

"I don't understand this bird's nest method," he said. "First you build the plane and then you bring everything into it through little holes. I'd build it in sections, then stuff the sections and bring them together last."

And this revolutionised the aircraft industry. But the first revolution was Ford's, who virtually invented mass production.

He did a lot of other crazy things too. He equipped a Peace ship in World War I. He ran for President, stopping off the wagon at the last minute in favour of Calvin Coolidge. He ploughed back all profits into his business until he died.

stockholders went to law and he had to buy them out.

He sued the Chicago Tribune when it called him an "ignoramus," won his case, and was awarded humiliating damages of six cents. Bitterly hurt, he spent the rest of his life trying to prove how intelligent, and educated he was.

He started the Dearborn Independent (an embarrassing magazine that ran anti-Jewish stories), he wrote three books in collaboration, and he built at Greenfield—an alarming American village, "to show how our American ancestors lived." It consists entirely of transplantations.

Two of the show places are charmingly irrelevant: "an English Cotswold village of stone" and a 19th century herb farm, "to please Mrs Ford."

Apart from this there are Stephen (The Old Folks at Home) Foster's actual house, a Mississippi steamboat called Suwanee, usually getting steam up, and the Logan County courthouse where Abraham Lincoln practised law.

Oh yes, and cars are forbidden in the streets of Greenfield.

So the man who had said, without thinking much about it, that history was bunk found himself in his eighties haunted by any object with a history. The past had its revenge. "Current time," says Mr Garrett, "dismayed his mind, and the future his imagination, but the past had his heart."

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Saturday, 6th and Saturday, 13th December, 1952
(Held under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club)

On the 1st Day the First Bell will be rung at 1 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m.
On the 2nd Day the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2 p.m.
There are 9 races on the 1st Day and 8 races on the 2nd Day (17 in all).
Through Tickets (17 Races—\$34.00) also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup Sweep" scheduled to be run on 24th January, 1953, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.
Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 5th December, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.
To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at—
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The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules—
Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "All Clear" is given. The "ALL CLEAR" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.
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In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE
Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.
NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.
Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.
Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.
The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 10.30 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 11 a.m. the 2nd Day. The Secretary's Office will close at 11.15 a.m. the 1st Day and at 11.45 a.m. the 2nd Day. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.
A limited number of tifflins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 37818).
NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 per day including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.
Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.
BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.
MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES
Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted to enter the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.
Owing to the congestion in the Member's Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

LOCAL BADMINTON FANS WILL SEE ONG POH-LIM IN ACTION TONIGHT

By "ARGONAUT"

Hongkong badminton fans had the opportunity at Southern Playground last year of seeing in action the World Badminton Champion, Wong Peng-soon, but have yet to see in action the player who can give Peng-soon the closest fight for his title and perhaps even take it away from him.

This player is Ong Poh-lim who, quite recently, beat the World Champion and was the hero of the victorious 1952 Malayan Thomas Cup team. Poh-lim is in Hongkong as a member of the visiting Lucky Strike badminton team and he will be seen in action tonight at Southern Playground.

Poh-lim has won the Irish, Danish and French Singles Championships. The combination of Poh-lim and Ismail bin Marjan is rated the best and fastest Doubles pair in the world today.

Soccer Tour Dropped

London, Dec. 10.
The Scottish Football Association today cancelled the tour of South Africa next summer without giving any explanation.
Sixteen matches, including three "tests" had been arranged.—France-Press.

LUCK OF SCOTTISH CUP DRAW

Glasgow, Dec. 10.
The draw was made today for the first round of the Scottish Football Cup ties to be played on January 24.

Eighteen teams drew byes and the 14 first round matches are:

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| St. Mirren | vs | Brechin |
| St. Johnstone | vs | Kilmarnock |
| Leith Athletic | vs | Airdrie |
| Rangers | vs | Arbroath |
| Dundee | vs | Cowdenbeath |
| Perth | vs | Collieston |
| Greenock | vs | Dunfermline |
| Barrow | vs | Dundee United |
| Raith | vs | Clackmannan |
| East Fife | vs | Leith Athletic |
| Queen's Park | vs | Hartlepool |
| Morton | vs | Dunfermline |
| Newcastle | vs | Falkirk |
| Stewart | vs | Thistle |
| Elgin City | vs | Thistle |
| Hibernian | vs | Stenhousemuir |

The following 18 teams drew byes and will go straight into the second round:

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| Aberdeen | Albion | Rovers |
| Alloa | Ayr United | Buckie |
| Thistle | Clyde | Dundee |
| Stirling | Forfar Athletic | Hamilton |
| Academicals | Heart of Midlothian | Montrose |
| Thistle | Queen's Park | Stirling |
| Albion | St. Johnstone | Wigtown |
| Blindfold | | |

Motherwell won the trophy last year beating Dundee in the final and both these teams appear among those who have been fortunate enough to draw byes.

A new draw will be made for the second round.—Reuter.

Special Rifle Matches For Coronation

London, Dec. 10.
The Army Rifle Association have arranged for special Coronation rifle matches to be fired at Bisley, between June 25 and July 4 next year, between regular Army and members of Commonwealth contingents attending the Coronation.

Invitations to enter have been sent to Empire military staffs and a meeting will be held at ARA headquarters on Monday to discuss detailed plans for the matches.—Reuter.

H.K. Skating Championship

The Hongkong Skating Championship (1952) will be held under the auspices of the Chung Sing Skating Society in aid of three charities and medicine fund will take place at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. (Kowloon Branch), Waterloo Road, on December 13 and 14, commencing 8 p.m. each day. Tickets are obtainable from Miss Yvonne Coche c/o Dairy Farm Co., Hongkong.

Having seen Wong Peng-soon in action, especially in the Singles game, local enthusiasts will find Ong a strikingly different type of player with a style that is unique in its unorthodoxy.

In Singles play, Ong typifies the aggressive player who is able to maintain an attacking game from beginning to end and to smash from all parts of the court. His speed can be gauged by the fact that it is quite common to see him smash from the base and then rush up to the net to take a net return.

HAS NO EQUAL

In the Doubles, Ong has perhaps no equal at present. His style is typical Malayan crouching style in defence and he is almost unbeatable at the net. His peculiar service—dubbed the "crocodile" service—is a variation of the shooting service.

In the Singles, Ong is especially noted for the short period he requires to polish off his opponent. In the last Thomas Cup final at Singapore, Ong, playing in the third Singles, took only 16 minutes to dispose of the United States' Bob Williams.

In the recent Poppy Day Exhibition match at Singapore, Ong did the almost unbelievable when he swept Wong Peng-soon off the court in 24 minutes with a score of 15-4 and 15-8.

It will be interesting to see how long Hongkong players will be able to stay on the court when pitted against him.

Accompanying Ong is another Thomas Cupper in Loong Pan-yap, who was among the nine players selected to represent Malaya in the last Thomas Cup final.

Loong has had the distinction of claiming such notable victories as those over the 1949 Malayan Thomas Cup representative, Law Teik-hock, and the 1950 Singapore Champion, Cheong Hock-leng.

He will be seen in the Doubles in partnership with Wong, and being also an aggressive player is a delight to watch in action.

VALUABLE EXPERIENCE

The exhibition series will serve another valuable purpose in that it will give local players and enthusiasts a good idea of the varying standard of the game in Malaya among different grades of players.

With them is the former Singapore Junior Champion, Low Poh-hye and the former

Malayans Lose To Schoolboys At Tennis

In an enjoyable afternoon's tennis at the Chinese Recreation Club yesterday, the Combined Hongkong Schoolboys exceeded all expectations by defeating the visiting Malayan team by 3½ matches to 2½.

Lu Po-hay gave an outstanding performance for the Schoolboys, winning both his Singles and Doubles matches.

The Schoolboys lost two of the three Singles played, but were successful in two out of three Doubles, one ending in a draw.

The following are the results:

SINGLES
Ma King-lung (St. Paul's Co-Ed.) lost to Lam Hee-chun (St. Joseph's) 1-6.
Fritz Lee (Diocesan Boys' School) lost to Lam Hee-chun 1-6.
Gladys Loke Chua (St. Paul's Boys' School) beat Leong Hong-yeung 6-3, 6-2.

DOUBLES
Ma King-lung (St. Paul's Co-Ed.) and Ng Man-chung (St. Joseph's) drew with Lam Hee-chun and Gladys Loke Chua 6-3, 5-6.
Ma Po-hay (St. Paul's Boys' School) and Ho Chong-yeung (St. Joseph's) beat Low Poh-hye and D. Khan (Chatham) 6-2, 6-1.
Khan (Chatham) beat Leong Hong-yeung and Mrs. Leong Han-yeung 6-2, 6-1.

Singapore Schoolboys' Champion Chionh Chai-tuan.
Low will be matched against the Colony's third Singles player, W.F. Foo. In the opening night's match, but it is expected that some of the most promising junior Colony players will also be given a chance to play against him, so they may acquire a good idea of how far short they fall of the visitors' standard.

Three former Colony schoolboy players, Johnny Pomeroy, Jr., Koh Wai-bong and U. Selip have been chosen to take on the visiting Schoolboys' Champion on each of the first three nights of the series.

The ladies' events will offer a special attraction in view of the high reputation that Hongkong enjoys in this field.

Although the visitors were a little disinclined to include Ladies' Singles matches in the series, they have now sparklingly agreed to play two Ladies' Singles games in which they will have the Colony Champion, Ullan Khoo, and Helen Kwong as their opponents. One Ladies' Doubles match will be played per night, with the visitors meeting different Hongkong pairs each time.

It is expected that strong competition will be forthcoming in these as well as the Mixed Doubles events from the Colony players.

Although the visitors were not able to bring the Thomas Cup along with them to be displayed during the matches, it is still possible that local followers of the game will be able to see it at the opening night's games.

Attempts are being made by both the Hongkong Badminton Association and Mr. Lim Chuan-geok, President of the Singapore Badminton Association, to smooth over the difficulties and get the Cup over by the first available plane.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

The series starts tonight at the Southern Playground at 8 p.m. Tickets are available through club representatives or at the Southern Playground.

The following is the programme for tonight's games:

1. Men's Singles—Ong Poh-lim (Lucky Strike) v Ramon Young (Hongkong).

2. Ladies' Doubles—Mrs. Ong Siew-ong and Mrs. Tan Kim-lui (Lucky Strike) v Miss Ullan Khoo and Miss Winnie Cheung (Hongkong).

3. Men's Singles—Loong Pan-yap (Lucky Strike) v Bill Funk (Hongkong).

4. Men's Doubles—Low Poh-hye and Foo Hon-hing (Lucky Strike) v Robert Tay and P.H. Wong (Hongkong).

5. Schoolboys' Singles—Chionh Chai-tuan (Lucky Strike) v J. Pomeroy, Jr. (Hongkong).

6. Mixed Doubles—Ong Poh-lim and Mrs. Tan Kim-lui (Lucky Strike) v Ramon Young and Miss Winnie Cheung (Hongkong).

7. Mixed Doubles—Loong Pan-yap and Mrs. Ong Siew-ong v Robert Tay and Mrs. M. Gonsalves (Hongkong).

BADMINTON LEAGUE

In the Men's "C" Division League Badminton doubles Tytman beat Nav Bharat by two games to seven.

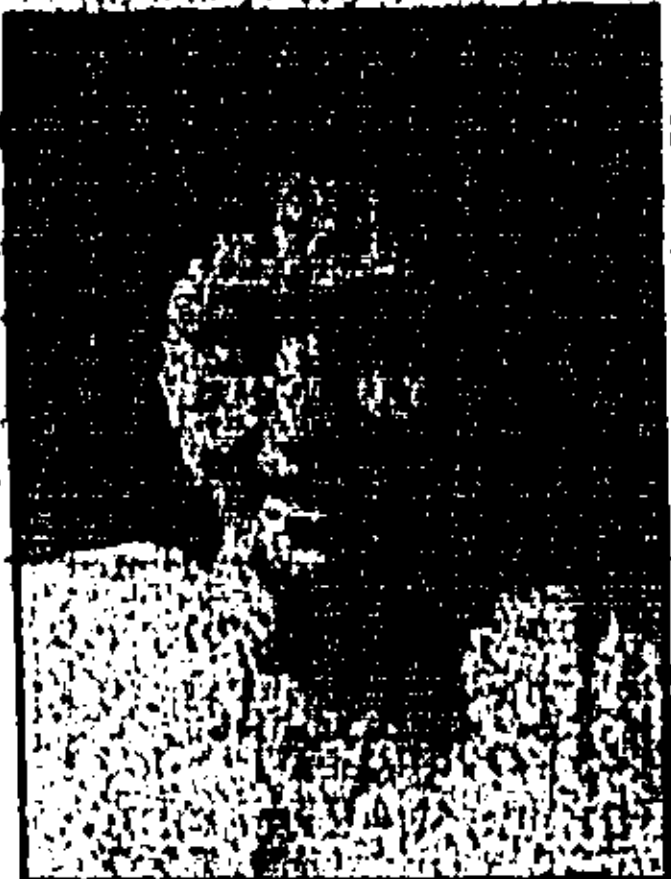
Following were the results with Nav Bharat players named first:

M. S. Wasan and U. S. Dillon beat R. Kingsford and L. C. Wong 21-17; beat T. M. Ip and T. C. Mark 21-4; lost to C. C. Yew and H. Y. Hui 3-21.

Dr. H. Mahan Singh and B. N. Hegde lost to Kingsford and Wong 21-12; lost to Ip and Mark 21-21; lost to Yew and Hui 1-21.



Shown above are three of the top ranking players of the visiting Lucky Strike Badminton Team, who will open their Hongkong series tonight at the Southern Playground. From left to right are: Madam Ong Siew-ong, Loong Pan-yap and Madam Tan Kim-lui.
On the right are Ong Poh-lim and Ismail bin Marjan, who are generally considered the world's best doubles combination. Although Ismail bin Marjan has not been able to make this trip, the visitors will have as strong a pair in Ong and Loong Pan-yap.



WILLIAMS WINS BY KNOCK-OUT

London, Dec. 10.
Johnny Williams, British heavyweight champion, knocked out Werner Wiegand, heavyweight champion of Luxembourg in the fifth round of their international ten rounds contest at Harringay Arena here tonight.

This was the top-line bout of a charity tournament in aid of the National Playing Fields Association and attended by the Duke of Edinburgh, the Association's President, and a capacity crowd of 10,000.

The fight ended in an amazing fashion. For four rounds the giant champion of Luxembourg, who had a weight advantage of more than 30 lbs., did most of the attacking and landed all the telling blows.

Williams looked worried and as the half way stage of the fight was almost reached he had not won a single round.

In the fifth round, however, Williams unleashed a tremendous short right-hand punch which hit Wiegand hard on the left side of the face. Wiegand's knees began to wobble and Williams went after him to plant another ferocious right to the head.

LIKE A LOG

Down went Wiegand like a log to be counted out as he lay on the boards.
Wiegand was a substitute for the American, Harry Matthews, who had to withdraw owing to a back injury.

Ronnie Clayton, featherweight champion, was beaten on points by Sammy McCarthy, 21-year-old undefeated London boxer, in a ten-round non-title bout.

It was one of the finest featherweight contests seen in Britain. McCarthy's success was due almost entirely to the speed in boxing on the retreat and his jabbing left hand.

McCarthy has now beaten both Clayton and Freddie King, who is to meet Clayton for the title in the new year. He was not eligible to fight for a title because he was under 21 when the eliminator bouts began, but Clayton said after tonight's bout that he was prepared to defend the championship against McCarthy if he retained the title against King.—Reuter.

Shirley Strickland Retiring

London, Dec. 10.
Shirley Strickland, 27-year-old Australian, who won the Olympic 50 metres hurdles title at Helsinki and established a world record for this event, will not compete in the Melbourne Games in 1956, according to a report reaching here.

The report said the Australian star announced her retirement when she returned to her home in Perth recently. The question now being asked in British athletic circles is whether she will defend her British Empire Games title in Vancouver in 1954.—United Press.

SOCCER TEAMS

The following are Club selections for soccer matches this week-end.

Soccer
Hongkong F.C. vs. XI v Eastern at Navy Ground, Causeway Bay, on Saturday, kick-off 3.45 p.m.—Miller, Armstrong, Parsons, Pomeroy, Taylor, Treadwell, Gardner, Keane, Muller, Farrow, Reservoir, Walton.
Hongkong F.C. vs. XI v Eastern at Navy Ground, Causeway Bay, on Saturday, kick-off 3.45 p.m.—Miller, Armstrong, Parsons, Pomeroy, Taylor, Treadwell, Gardner, Keane, Muller, Farrow, Reservoir, Walton.

Scoreboard:
South Africa—2nd XI: 1-1
Wales, 1st XI: 1-1
Wales, 2nd XI: 1-1
Wales, 3rd XI: 1-1
Wales, 4th XI: 1-1
Wales, 5th XI: 1-1
Wales, 6th XI: 1-1
Wales, 7th XI: 1-1
Wales, 8th XI: 1-1
Wales, 9th XI: 1-1
Wales, 10th XI: 1-1

FIRST TEST

Devastating Bowling By Lindwall Wins Match For Australia

Brisbane, Dec. 10.

Devastating bowling by Ray Lindwall enabled Australia today to win the first Test match against South Africa by 96 runs.

The tourists needed 187 runs to win with eight second innings wickets in hand, when play was resumed today, but Lindwall shattered all their hopes with an inspired performance with the ball.

The final scores were:

Australia 289 and 277.

South Africa 221 and 240.

With Miller unable to play because of a badly infected throat, Lindwall hurled himself into the attack from the first ball. Used in short sharp spells by Lindsay Hassett, he swept through the South African innings to take five wickets for 60 runs in 30 overs.

His performance was even better than his figures suggest. He could not get the ball to lift but shattered the batsmen's defence by sheer speed.

Bill Johnston backed him up well. Changing periodically from over the wicket to round the wicket, he troubled the batsmen by pitching on a worn spot at one end of the wicket.

Ian Johnson's curling dipping offspinners were also effective and apart from Ken Funston and McLean, the South Africans concentrated grimly on defence.

DECIDED BEFORE LUNCH

The outcome of the match was more or less decided before lunch, when the Springboks lost three valuable wickets—those of Jackie McGlow, Funston and McLean—for 50 runs. Two of them fell to Lindwall at a personal cost of 13 runs.

McGlow and Funston, the overnight batsmen, were separated by Lindwall with only three runs added this morning. Their third wicket partnership had produced 93 runs.

McGlow batted four hours and 20 minutes for 69, which included four fours, while Funston hit one six and two fours in his stay of three hours 23 minutes for 65.

Still requiring 128 runs to win with five wickets standing at lunch, the South Africans' resistance crumbled after the interval, and the last five wickets fell for 31 in an hour and a quarter.

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Australian Trotters For Malaya

Sydney, Dec. 10.

Australian trotting horses probably will be used to introduce this popular sport in Singapore and the Malay States.

Negotiations are now proceeding to have more than 100 Australian horses sent to Singapore.

Representatives of a wealthy Eastern syndicate are in Sydney making inquiries about all aspects of night trotting. They have indicated the syndicate is prepared to buy £100,000 worth of Australian trotters.

The syndicate plans to teach natives to drive the trotters and intends to lay out a track similar to Sydney's Harold Park.—United Press.

Referees' Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association will be held at the office of the Hongkong Football Association at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

| SAILINGS TO | | |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| "SHENGKING" | Keelung | 3 p.m. 13th Dec. |
| "PAKHOT" | Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe | 10 a.m. 15th Dec. |
| "FENGNING" | Nihaman, Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe | 5 p.m. 15th Dec. |
| "FOYANG" | Singapore, Penang & Belawan | 10 a.m. 16th Dec. |
| "HUPEH" | Tientsin | 10 a.m. 16th Dec. |
| "SHENGKING" | Keelung | 3 p.m. 20th Dec. |
| "YUNNAN" | Singapore, Penang & Belawan | 10 a.m. 22nd Dec. |
| "ANKING" | Keelung | Noon 24th Dec. |
| "SZEKIEN" | Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar | 5 p.m. 24th Dec. |
| "FUKIEN" | Tientsin | 8 a.m. 26th Dec. |
| "HUNAN" | Tientsin | 10 a.m. 26th Dec. |

ARRIVALS FROM

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| "SOOCHOW" | Keelung | 7 a.m. 12th Dec. |
| "PAKHOT" | Bangkok | p.m. 12th Dec. |
| "FENGNING" | Tientsin & Blanton | 14th Dec. |
| "FOYANG" | Singapore | 14th Dec. |
| "HUPEH" | Tientsin | 14th Dec. |
| "YUNNAN" | Shanghai | 19th Dec. |
| "ANKING" | Kobe | 20th Dec. |
| "FUKIEN" | Kobe | 23/24th Dec. |

A.O. LINE LTD./C.N. CO., LTD., JOINT SERVICE

| SAILINGS TO | | |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| "TAIPEI" | Singapore & Melbourne | 28th Dec. |
| "CHANGTUNG" | Kobe & Yokohama | 31st Dec. |
| "TAIYUAN" | Japan | 2nd Jan. |

ARRIVALS FROM

| | | |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------|
| "TAIPEI" | Kobe | 20th Dec. |
| "CHANGTUNG" | Australia & Manila | 27th Dec. |
| "TAIYUAN" | Australia & Manila | 29th Dec. |

BLUE FUNNEL LINE

| Scheduled Sailings to Europe via Aden & Port Said. | | |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| "ANTHONY" | Liverpool & Glasgow | Arr. 14th Dec. Sails Noon 15th Dec. |
| "CLYDE" | Liverpool, Dublin & Avonmouth | 25th Dec. |
| "ASTYANAX" | Genoa, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg | 26th Dec. |
| "PERSEUS" | Marseilles, Liverpool, & Glasgow | 6th Jan. |
| "AENEAS" | Liverpool & Glasgow | 12th Jan. |
| "AGAPENOR" | London, Rotterdam & Hamburg | 24th Jan. |

Scheduled Sailings from Europe

| Sails | Arrives | |
|----------------|-----------|----------------|
| G. "PERSEUS" | Liverpool | 18th Dec. |
| G. "AENEAS" | Sailed | 24th Dec. |
| G. "AGAPENOR" | do | 31st Dec. |
| G. "PYRRHUS" | do | 10th Jan. 1953 |
| G. "CALCIAS" | 12th Dec. | 17th Jan. 1953 |
| G. "AUTOMEDON" | 18th Dec. | 23rd Jan. 1953 |
| G. "ATREUS" | 25th Dec. | 30th Jan. 1953 |
| G. "ATREUS" | 5th Jan. | 9th Feb. 1953 |

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| "MENESTHEUS" | 19th Dec. |
| "DONA NATI" | 30th Dec. |
| SAILING FOR KINGSTON, NEW YORK, via SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES & CRISTOBAL. | |
| "BATAAN" | 20th Dec. |
| "MENESTHEUS" | 20th Jan. |

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ARRIVALS

| FROM | DUE |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| "BENVORLICH" | Japan 15th Dec. |
| "BENREOCH" | U.K. 16th Dec. |
| "BENRINNES" | U.K. via Singapore on or abt. 21st Dec. |
| "KING MALCOLM" | U.K. via Singapore 30th Dec. |
| "BENVENUE" | Japan 5th Jan. |
| "BENALBANACH" | U.K. 6th Jan. |
| "BENATTOW" | U.K. via Singapore 18th Jan. |
| "BENREOCH" | Japan 19th Jan. |

SAILINGS

| Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Glasgow, Rotterdam & Hamburg. | Loading on or abt. |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| "BENVORLICH" | 16th Dec. |
| "BENREOCH" | Kure, Kobe and Yokohama 19th Dec. |
| "BENRINNES" | Havre, London, Rotterdam & Antwerp 23rd Dec. |
| "BENVENUE" | Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg. 6th Jan. |
| "BENALBANACH" | Avonmouth, Liverpool, Glasgow, and Antwerp. 10th Jan. |
| "BENREOCH" | Direct to Singapore, thence Genoa, London, Hamburg and Hull. 20th Jan. |
| "BENATTOW" | Kure, Kobe and Yokohama. 21st Jan. |

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January 15. C. M. Post, Hongkong and Kowloon.

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Notice to Consignees

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Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed at H.K. Wharf between 10 a.m. and noon on December 12 and 13, 1952, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE Agents

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MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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Good Knight!

By Milk

By Ernie Bushmiller

By Frank Robbins

ONE-PIECE STRUCTURAL CONSTRUCTION FOR RIGIDITY

Premiers See Film

Commonwealth Prime Ministers and Finance Ministers today attended the showing of a colour cinema on the work of the Imperial War Graves Commission. They were invited by the Duke of Gloucester, who is President of the Commission.

London, Dec. 10.

The Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Britain, Sheikh Haliz Wahba, has flown to Jeddah for consultations with his Government on the dispute over the Buraimi Oasis, a Saudi Arabian Embassy spokesman said today.

The Buraimi Oasis, in the Oman area of the Persian Gulf, is claimed by both Saudi Arabia and the Sultanate of Muscat.

The whole question of the delimitation of the frontiers in this area was discussed in London last year by Amir Feisal, Saudi Arabian Minister and the British Foreign Office.

It was then agreed that pending a final settlement, the present situation should not be prejudiced by any interested party.

Saudi Arabia occupied the Buraimi Oasis last October. Britain, acting for the Sultan of Muscat, sought the withdrawal of the Saudi Arabian troops, but latest information in London is that they are still there.

Mr George Feilham, British Ambassador at Jeddah, has been negotiating with the Saudi Arabian Government since October for the withdrawal of the troops.—Reuter.

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CONSIGNEES PER AUSTRALIA WEST PACIFIC LINE m.s. "AROR"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godown where it will be stored subject to the Wharf's terms and condition of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godown for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors. Messrs Carmichael & Clarke at 10 a.m. on the 15th December, 1952.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 16th December, 1952, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 23rd December, 1952, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

DODWELL & CO. LTD. Agents

Hongkong, 11th December, 1952.

Dunmow Flitch: Last Link In A Chain Of Evidence

London, Dec. 10.

New material has come to light concerning the award of the Dunmow Flitch to happily married couples.

When compiling his History of the Dunmow Flitch Ceremony, published by the Essex Record Office in 1951—exactly 200 years after the last award of the bacon in a manorial court—Mr Francis Steer searched for the court rolls recording this now famous event.

A chance remark about some Little Dunmow documents being in the possession of the executors of a lady who had moved from the Dunmow district to Wales led to fresh avenues being explored. The result is the deposit in the Essex Record Office by Major A.G. Wade, of Bentley, Hampshire, of the original court rolls of the flitch ceremonies in 1701 and 1751 as follows:—

NO "HOUSEHOLD BRAWLES" You do swear by Customs of Confession, That you're made Nuptial Transgression, Nor since you were married Man & Wife, Of household Brawles or Contentious strife, Or otherwise in Bed or at Board, Offended each other in Deed or in Word, Or in a Twelve Months time and a day, Repented not in thought any way, Or since the Church Clerke said Amen, Whist your selves unmarried again, But Continue true & in desire, As when you joynd hands in Holy Quire. Then followed the sentence:—

Since to these Conditions without any fear, Of your own accords you do freely Swear, A Whole Gannon of Bacon you doe receive, And beare it away with Love & good Leave, For this is the Customs of Dunmow well known, Tho' the Pleasure be Ours, The Bacon's your own.

These documents are the last link in a long chain of evidence. The collection of flitch material in the County Hall, Chelmsford, is large; much of it figures in Mr Steer's book, which is now accepted as the standard history of a picturesque English custom observed for more than 600 years.

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BRITISH INDIA S.N. CO., LTD.

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"SANGOLA" due 7th Jan. from Japan

"SANGOLA" due 9th Jan. from Singapore & Chittagong

P. & O. B. I. JOINT SERVICE

"OBNA" due 11th Dec. from P. Gulf

"OBNA" due 11th Dec. from Bombay, Colombo & Singapore

"OBNA" due 12th Dec. for Kobe, Nagoya, & Yokohama

"OBNA" due 16th Dec. from Persian Gulf, Bombay, Colombo & Singapore

"OBNA" due 17th Dec. for Japan

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN S.S. CO., LTD.

"NELLORE" due 11th Dec. from Japan

"NELLORE" due 12th Dec. for Sandakan, Bohian, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne

"NELLORE" due 25th Dec. from Japan

"NELLORE" due 25th Dec. for Sandakan, Bohian, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne

"NELLORE" due 25th Dec. for Adelaide

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES



| Arriving | Leaving | Outward For |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| "FBI-HILL" Jan. 24 | Jan. 28 | Japan |
| "PEI HO" Dec. 11 | Dec. 12 | N. Africa & Europe |
| "LA MARSEILLAISE" Dec. 15 | Dec. 16 | Marseilles via Manila |
| "MONKAY" Jan. 4 | Jan. 6 | N. Africa & Europe |
| "BREEST" Feb. 9 | Feb. 10 | N. Africa & Europe |

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"REBEVERETT"
Arrives Dec. 13 from Manila.
Sails Dec. 14 for Singapore, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta.

"LENEVERETT"
Arrives Dec. 17 from Singapore.
Sails Dec. 18 for Kobe, Hirohata, Yawata, Osaka, Nagoya & Yokohama.

(Accepting cargo for transhipment
Kobe/Pusan and Kobe/Okinawa)

EVERETT STAR LINE

Fast regular freight—refrigerator—passenger service to Korea, Japan, Philippines, Indo-China, Siam, Malaya, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi and Persian Gulf Ports.

M.S. "STAR ARCTURUS"
Arrives Dec. 13 from Singapore.
Sails Dec. 14 for Yawata, Hirohata, Kobe, Osaka, Nagoya & Yokohama.

M.S. "THAI"
Arrives Dec. 20 from Japan.
Sails Dec. 21 for Singapore, Port Swettenham, Malacca, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, Kharrum-shahr, Basrah & Bahrain.

(Accepting cargo for transhipment
Kobe/Pusan and Kobe/Okinawa)

EVERETT STEAMSHIP CORPORATION S/A
Queen's Building, Telephone 31206.
Chinese Department: Telephone 28293.

Increase In Sugar Quotas

Washington, Dec. 9.
The Agriculture Department today announced a 100,000-ton increase in the 1952 sugar quota, bringing it to 7,900,000 tons. The whole amount will be used to supply American markets this year.

Under the provisions of the Sugar Act, Cuba gains 98,640 tons of the increase with the remaining 1,300 tons split up among seven "full duty" countries—the Dominican Republic, Haiti, the Netherlands, Mexico, Peru, the United Kingdom and Colombia. As a result of the revision, Cuba's adjusted quota is now 2,987,556 tons. The adjusted quota for all the "full duty" countries is now 36,149 tons.

Although sugar distribution so far this year has been above last year's increase has been held to 100,000 tons to assure firm prices. Last October, the department also increased the 1951 quota by 10,000 tons.

Sugar distribution in the first 10 months of this year has been 334,000 tons greater than in the same months in 1951. If distribution in November and December should equal that for the corresponding months of last year, the total 1952 consumption would be about 8,000,000 tons.—United Press.

Copper For Japan

Santiago, Dec. 10.
The Chilean Central Bank announced today that it had closed a contract for an unspecified amount of Chilean copper for Japan which had agreed not to re-export it.—United Press.

JAPANESE PACT WITH FORMOSA

Taipei, Dec. 10.
A US\$150,000,000 trade pact between Japan and Nationalist China is about to be signed, with the major points of agreement reached after the Nationalists had made concessions on methods of shipments.

The pact is in final shape with only minor points to be thrashed out, but no date has been set aside for the signing. The trade pact provides for an annual total of US\$75,000,000 each way.

Negotiations for such a pact have been going on ever since Nationalist China and Japan signed a peace treaty on April 28.

The methods of shipments have been the major cause for the prolongation of the talks. Upon the return here of Gen. Chang Chun, former Premier and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's envoy to Japan, the Nationalists no longer insisted on exclusive Nationalist shipping and agreed to have one-third of the shipments go on board Japanese vessels.—United Press.

London Stock Exchange

London, Dec. 10.
The London Stock Exchange was irregular to slightly lower in most sections today. British Government listed fell off slightly after early gains and foreign bonds also moved the day with net losses. Oils and coppers held firm but industrial stocks generally were irregular.

The Financial Times' daily index of London stocks was 116.0, up 0.2.—Associated Press.

Japan & Sterling Area

Proposed Extension Of Agreement

Tokyo, Dec. 10.

The Japanese Government will propose a three-month extension of the current overall payments agreement with Britain and will vigorously seek easing of the import restrictions imposed by the Sterling countries at the forthcoming Anglo-Japanese Trade Conference.

According to Government sources, Japan will also propose a programme covering a 12-month period from January 1, 1953, if the trade conference designed to extend or revise the Anglo-Japanese Overall Payments Agreement takes place before the turn of the year.

These sources said that Japan asked Britain for such a conference some time ago but Britain, so far, had failed to reply. The current agreement expires at the end of their month and has to be either revised or extended.

The Ministry of International Trade and Industry, they said, is currently studying Japan's proposals to be presented at the conference, anticipating such a conference would be held before the year ends.

The Japanese Government at the conference would offer to Britain to work out a trade programme covering 12 months from next January.

DRAFT PROPOSALS

The Ministry is drawing up two draft proposals for such a programme with both versions designed to bring about an excess in Japan's exports over its imports from the Sterling Area.

Two draft plans call for 1. An exchange of £230,000,000 worth of Japanese goods for £200,000,000 worth of Sterling Area goods; and 2. The export of £200,000,000 worth of Japanese goods against £170,000,000 worth of Sterling goods.

These sources added that if the trade programme is accepted by Britain and eventually produces a favourable balance of trade, it would be used for payment of £9,000,000 of Japanese Sterling bonds next year.—France-Press.

The Rubber Markets

Singapore, Dec. 10.
Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| Number 1 rubber, per lb. | 97 1/2-98 1/2 |
| January | 98-98 1/2 |
| February | 98-98 1/2 |
| March | 98-98 1/2 |
| April | 98-98 1/2 |
| May | 98-98 1/2 |
| June | 98-98 1/2 |
| July | 98-98 1/2 |
| August | 98-98 1/2 |
| September | 98-98 1/2 |
| October | 98-98 1/2 |
| November | 98-98 1/2 |
| December | 98-98 1/2 |

NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Dec. 10.
Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

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| Number 1 rubber, per lb. | 29 1/2-30 1/2 |
| January | 30-30 1/2 |
| February | 30-30 1/2 |
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| April | 30-30 1/2 |
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| September | 30-30 1/2 |
| October | 30-30 1/2 |
| November | 30-30 1/2 |
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LONDON MARKET

London, Dec. 10.
Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

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LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Dec. 10.
The tin market was steady and quiet. Turnover was 20 tons, nothing for cash. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:

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| Spot tin, buyers | 94 1/2 |
| Spot tin, sellers | 95 1/2 |
| Business done at | 95 1/2 |
| Three-months tin, buyers | 94 1/2 |
| Three-months tin, sellers | 95 1/2 |
| Business done at | 95 1/2 |
| Settlement | 95 1/2 |

New York Sugar Futures

New York, Dec. 10.
Domestic sugar futures No. 6 closed unchanged to one higher.

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| March | 22 1/2 |
| May | 22 1/2 |
| July | 22 1/2 |
| September | 22 1/2 |
| November | 22 1/2 |
| December | 22 1/2 |
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Continued Decline In Economic Activity Of Western Europe

GLOOMY PICTURE BY U.N. COMMISSION

Geneva, Dec. 10.

A continued decline in Western Europe's economic activity in the second quarter of this year is the gloomy picture painted by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

In the Commission's economic bulletin for Europe, just released, the Commission states that there was an all-round decrease in industrial production in Western Europe.

Western Germany and France are the only exceptions. Britain's industrial production was five per cent lower than in the corresponding period last year.

In a special analysis of Britain's improved gold and dollar position, the bulletin points out that, besides reduction in imports, the renewal of United States Government economic aid totalling \$300,000,000 (about £71,000,000) in the second quarter this year contributed to this better position.

The bulletin points out that Britain's exports have helped little towards easing payments relations with non-Sterling countries.

Britain's sales to the Sterling Area fell sharply in the second quarter and this would strongly affect Britain's global payments accounts for the second half of the year.

"Reduced sales to the Sterling Area, though painful to individual producers and exporters, may provide greater incentive to export to other areas in the hard currency regions."

"Current developments in these markets, however, do not seem to provide a promising opening for this shift in Britain's exports," states the bulletin.

In a comparison between Britain and Western Germany, the economic commission points out that the import reductions of the overseas Sterling Area this year hit Britain much harder than they did Germany.

By August, Britain's sales to the Sterling Area had fallen 32 per cent below the first quarter rate, while those of Germany were only 17 per cent lower.

German exports elsewhere rose steadily while British exports decreased.

Says the Commission: "It was fully apparent in the earlier post-war years when German exports were low, that their ultimate recovery would confront other European exporters with serious difficulties unless world trade expanded."

One reason for German success over British exports, according to the economic commission, is that producer goods—the type of goods most demanded by foreign importers and which were not affected by the recent import cuts—occupy a much higher share in Germany's export trade than that of Britain.

Many consumer goods in British exports have to be sold in conditions of slack consumer demand in areas where incomes have been affected by falling commodity prices.

British textiles must face increasing competition in overseas markets as Japan's production recovers, the commission adds.

In many instances, German delivery dates and credit terms are more attractive than those of Britain.

Germany has no military priorities to take precedence over export orders.

German exports are favoured by comparison with those of Britain, both by subsidies in the form of tax concessions and by more attractive credit terms to foreign buyers.

And German exporters are "encouraged" with bonuses resulting from dollar retention quotas.—London Express Service.

U.S. AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION

Washington, Dec. 9.
American manufacturers will produce about 9,000 military planes this year, says the Aircraft Industries Association.

This compares with a wartime peak of 98,913 planes in 1944. However, the Association said the 1952 production of bombers, fighters and other warplanes is sharply ahead of the 4,800 last year and would bring total output since the mid-1950 outbreak of the Korean conflict to 15,000.

The Association estimated the current production rate, which is expected to continue through 1953 and 1954, at 1,000 to 1,100 warplanes a month.—Associated Press.

Wool Sales In Sydney

Sydney, Dec. 10.
The eighth series of Sydney wool sales continued today under widespread competition from Britain, the Continent and Japan, with useful United States support, says the Sydney Wool Selling Brokers' Association.

Value of sales, descriptions of grades, fleeces and suitings, stayed firm at the previous level.

The top lot today was 800 pieces Australian, per pound.—Associated Press.

Japan's Request "Excessive"

Tokyo, Dec. 10.

Official sources disclosed today that Mr. Robert L. Garner, visiting Vice-Governor of the World Bank, told Mr. Sanjuro Ogasawara, Minister of International Trade and Industry, that Japan was seeking a five per cent of power resources but Mr. Garner pointed out that this was excessive compared with the total of \$1,500 million the World Bank has lent to 28 different nations within the past five years.—Reuter.

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ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

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| "STRAAT SOENDA" | Dec. 10 | Singapore, S. Africa & E. Africa |
| "TJIPANAS" | Dec. 12 | Singapore, Djakarta, Palembang & Macassar |
| "TJITJALENGKA" | Dec. 15 | Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang & Macassar |
| "TJILUWAH" | Dec. 18 | Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang & Macassar |
| "RUYS" | Dec. 11 | Japan |
| "TJINENTENG" | Dec. 14 | Japan |
| "TASMAN" | Dec. 17 | Japan |
| "DOESSEVAIN" | Dec. 20 | Japan |
| "TJAWANGI" | Jan. 2 | Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang & Macassar |
| "TIJODAS" | Jan. 7 | Djakarta Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar |
| "RUYS" | Jan. 8 | Manila, Singapore, Djakarta & Macassar |
| "VAN HEUTEZ" | Jan. 10 | Singapore, Penang, Delawan D. E. & S. Africa |
| "TASMAN" | Jan. 15 | Singapore, Penang & Delawan D. E. & S. Africa |
| "TJILUWAH" | Jan. 16 | Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang & Macassar |
| "TIJONDOK" | Jan. 23 | Djakarta Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar |
| "TIJANTJET" | Jan. 26 | Japan |
| "TJAWANGI" | Feb. 2 | Singapore, Djakarta, Palembang & Macassar |
| "TASMAN" | Feb. 4 | Japan |
| "STRAAT MAKASSAR" | Feb. 5 | Japan |
| "TJITJALENGKA" | Feb. 9 | Singapore, Djakarta, Mauritius & S. America |
| "TIJAKNPEK" | Feb. 9 | Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar |
| "TJILUWAH" | Feb. 16 | Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang & Macassar |
| "TIJMENTENG" | Feb. 18 | Manila, Singapore, E. & S. Africa |
| "TIJANTJET" | Feb. 23 | Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar |
| "TASMAN" | Feb. 25 | Singapore, Penang & Delawan D. E. & S. Africa |
| "TJAWANGI" | Mar. 2 | Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang & Surabaya & Macassar |
| "STRAAT SOENDA" | Mar. 4 | Japan |
| "DOESSEVAIN" | Mar. 9 | Manila, Singapore, Djakarta & Macassar |
| "TJISADANE" | Mar. 10 | Japan |
| ARRIVALS | | From |
| "TJIPANAS" | Dec. 11 | Japan |
| "TJILUWAH" | Dec. 13 | Singapore, Surabaya, Semarang & Macassar |
| "TJITJALENGKA" | Dec. 13 | Djakarta & Singapore |
| "TJINENTENG" | Dec. 13 | S. America, S. Africa, Mauritius & Singapore |
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